

REMARKS

Prosecution and consideration of the claimed subject matter in the accompanying patent application is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 10, 11 and 12 have been amended from multiply dependent format to depend from a single claim. Claim 10 has also been amended to conform syntactically to US practice. It is thus seen that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-12 are in the case and are before the Examiner.

Claims 4, and 10-12 have been amended.

The application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

Patent Application with 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings
Sequence Listing (hard copy and disk)
Sequence Statement
Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/
Elected Office Concerning a Submission Under
35 U.S.C. 371 (in duplicate)
Application Data Sheet
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I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment and its stated enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Label No. EV 555558248 US, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 30, 2006.

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